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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0501 (Formerly 450101-02654)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Tomoyuki ASANO et al. )  
Application No.: 09/807,824 ) Group Art Unit: 2131  
Filed: April 18, 2001 ) Examiner: Jackson, Jenise E  
For: INFORMATION ) Confirmation Number: 6164  
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM )  
AND METHOD, DRIVE )  
DEVICE AND ACCESS )  
METHOD, INFORMATION )  
RECORDING MEDIUM, )  
DEVICE AND METHOD FOR )  
PRODUCING RECORDING )  
MEDIUM )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement mailed October 6, 2005, the period for response to which extends through November 6, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between claims 1-114 and 138-161 (Group I), claims 115-117 (Group II), and claims 118-137 (Group III). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-114 and 138-161, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to access control to a storage unit and preventing unauthorized access.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 3, 2005

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